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September 27, 1976

The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Howard,

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

George Bush

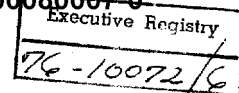
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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

A/DCI called this date to inform us that they
are taking no action on this letter.

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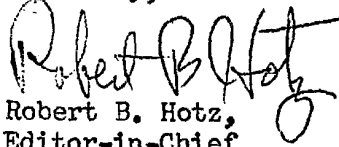
Mr. George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

Your letter of September 17 has been received and will be published in full in the September 27 issue of Aviation Week & Space Technology along with a communication on the same subject from Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

In the interests of accuracy could you correct your files with the correct spelling of my name "Hotz".

Sincerely,


Robert B. Hotz,
Editor-in-Chief

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September 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

THROUGH: Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

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Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

George Bush
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Remarks: The DCI wishes you to be aware of the attached but asks that you hold it extremely close.

B. C. Evans

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Date

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Mr. Bush:

Is the attached okay?
Seems it might be since
you alluded to it in a
general way at the
Morning Meeting.



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Do you mind this
being distributed

~~Yes~~ OK to distribute

No ✓ but

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TO: State Executive Secretary Borg FROM: [REDACTED]
Please transmit the below to the Secretary for Mr. Bush

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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM GEORGE BUSH

AFTER AGREEING WITH YOUR STAFF TO POSTPONE THE RELEASE OF MY
LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF AVIATION WEEK MAGAZINE, I HAVE NOW READ THE
REITERATION OF THE SLANDER IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE IN
DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO LAST WEEK'S WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT AND
WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OR MINE. ACCORDINGLY, I AM
RELEASING THE TEXT OF MY LETTER IMMEDIATELY. WARM REGARDS.

GEORGE BUSH

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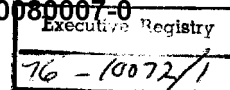
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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM GEORGE BUSH

I DID SEE THAT SLANDEROUS AVIATION WEEK STORY. I HAVE MADE TWO PUBLIC REFERENCES TO IT. ON TUESDAY BEFORE THE CBS RADIO AFFILIATE EXECUTIVES I SPOKE OUT, THEN YESTERDAY BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. YESTERDAY'S COMMENTS WERE CARRIED ON TWO OF THE TV CHANNELS HERE.

IN ADDITION, AFTER FAILING TO GET AVIATION WEEK EDITOR HOLTZ ON THE PHONE, I TODAY FIRED OFF A LETTER PROTESTING THIS "SLANDEROUS" COVERAGE. THIS STORY WAS INDEED A DIRECT ATTACK ON YOU, BUT IT WAS ALSO A DIRECT ATTACK ON THE INTEGRITY OF THE INTELLIGENCE PROCESS AND AN INDIRECT ATTACK ON ME. THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT MAY HELP AND I ALSO HOPE TO ADDRESS MYSELF TO THIS ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" THIS WEEKEND. I SHARE YOUR OUTRAGE AND WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

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September 17, 1976

Mr. Robert B. Holtz
Editor
Aviation Week and Space Technology
McGraw-Hill Publications, Inc.
1221 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10020

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17 Sept

Dear Mr. Holtz:

The Aviation Week and Space Technology for September 13th in the Washington Roundup section made reference to alleged manipulation of intelligence produced by the Central Intelligence Agency. It is regrettable that you had made no attempt to give us an opportunity to comment on the relevant portion of your report which impugns the integrity of the national foreign intelligence production process, of Secretary Kissinger, of myself as the President's chief intelligence adviser, and most important, of all the intelligence professionals who serve this country.

Specifically: I have never received nor would I ever entertain a suggestion, from whatever source and for whatever reason, to slant the intelligence product. I would never consider abusing my authority as Director of Central Intelligence for the purpose of manipulating results of professional analysis of intelligence data. I have complete confidence that CIA and Intelligence Community analysts working on this type study would resign before they would do what your article suggests.

In one short article, Secretary Kissinger, CIA analysts and, by inference, myself, have been maliciously slandered. I hope you will try to partially correct the damage by printing this letter.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Director

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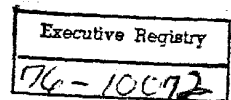
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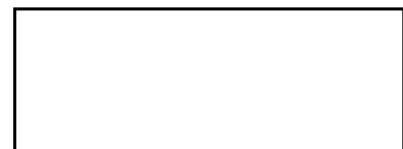
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16 September 1976

DCI,

Attached is draft of letter to the editor of Aviation Week. [] dictated it 25X1A to us from San Francisco this afternoon, saying he had discussed the subject with you.



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DRAFT

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I am confident that you will give emphatic prominence to this statement in order to reduce in some measure the

damage already caused by the publication and the re-publication of these false charges.

Sincerely,

George Bush
Director